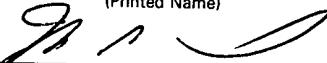


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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

This is in reply to a Final Office Action mailed July 8, 2002, in relation to the above-referenced application. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Official Action was set to expire on October 8, 2002, and with acceptance of the accompanying petition and fee, the time for response is extended to November 8, 2002. Accordingly, applicants believe that this response is timely filed. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. For the purpose of charging said Deposit Account, a duplicate copy of this Response is submitted herewith.

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that a substitute specification excluding the claims was required. A substitute specification was previously submitted with the AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111, dated April 5, 2002, as shown by the enclosed postcard stamped "received" by the Patent

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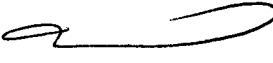
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Office, but was not received by the Examiner. Another substitute specification prior to any amendments is submitted herewith.

The Office Action also rejected all of the claims for various reasons. An appeal brief addressing the rejection of the claims will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

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